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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 5/9/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, HR 40, SCR 64, SCR 68, and SCR 70 have been added to the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/12/2025

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

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<u>ACR 77</u>	RLS.
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<u>SB 533</u>	U. & E.
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<u>SB 733</u>	H. & C.D.
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<u>SCR 68</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 70</u>	RLS.
<u>SJR 3</u>	HUM. S.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 5

Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen

December 2, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Relative to Áo Dài Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 5, as introduced, Nguyen. Áo Dài Day.

This measure would proclaim May 15, 2025, as Áo Dài Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The month of May has been designated as Asian
2 and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
3 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans living in California and
4 elsewhere in the United States desire to contribute to and share
5 their cultural heritage with the State of California and with the
6 United States; and
7 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese traditional long gown, known as
8 the Áo Dài, has long been recognized as the symbol of cultural
9 aesthetics and pride of people of Vietnamese descent; and
10 WHEREAS, To contribute to the people of the State of
11 California, and to celebrate the diversity of American society, the
12 Vietnamese American community has held a community event
13 known as the Áo Dài Festival throughout the state; and
14 WHEREAS, The Áo Dài Festival will be celebrated throughout
15 the State of California during Asian and Pacific Islander American
16 Heritage Month in May 2025; and

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 5 (Nguyen) – As Introduced December 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Áo Dài Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims May 15, 2025, as Áo Dài Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Vietnamese Americans living in California and elsewhere in the United States desire to contribute to and share their cultural heritage with the State of California and with the United States.
- 2) The Vietnamese traditional long gown, known as the Áo Dài, has long been recognized as the symbol of cultural aesthetics and pride of people of Vietnamese descent.
- 3) To contribute to the people of the State of California, and to celebrate the diversity of American society, the Vietnamese American community has held a community event known as the Áo Dài Festival throughout the state.
- 4) The Áo Dài Festival will be celebrated throughout the State of California during Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month in May 2025.
- 5) The Vietnamese American community desires to designate May 15 as a day to invite all residents of California to share in its cultural heritage by wearing the traditional Vietnamese Áo Dài.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 66

Introduced by Assembly Member Dixon

April 21, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 66, as introduced, Dixon. Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2025, as Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and would encourage all Californians to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of skin cancer and the measures that can be taken to prevent it.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Malignant melanoma, a serious skin cancer, is
2 characterized by the uncontrolled growth of pigment-producing
3 tanning cells; and
4 WHEREAS, Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma,
5 non-melanoma skin cancers, are also very common forms of cancer
6 in the United States; and
7 WHEREAS, Early detection and treatment for squamous cell
8 carcinoma is important as it can be cured; and
9 WHEREAS, Excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVA
10 and UVB) is the most important preventable cause of melanoma.
11 Other possible causes include genetic factors and immune
12 deficiencies. Malignant melanoma has also been linked to past
13 sunburns and sun and tanning device exposure at younger ages;
14 and

1 WHEREAS, Melanoma can affect men, women, and children;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, about
4 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers and 85 percent of
5 melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet
6 radiation from the sun; and

7 WHEREAS, According to Skin Cancer Foundation statistics, 1
8 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by 70 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, Over five million cases of skin cancer are
10 diagnosed in the United States each year, and more people are
11 diagnosed in the United States each year than all other cancers
12 combined; and

13 WHEREAS, It is estimated that in the United States, 9,500
14 people each day are diagnosed with a malignant melanoma; and

15 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer.
16 In 2024, it is estimated that more than 200,340 melanomas will be
17 diagnosed and about 8,290 people will die of melanoma; and

18 WHEREAS, The California Society of Dermatology and
19 Dermatologic Surgery has an outstanding record of service and
20 leadership in advancing the cause of prevention, detection, and
21 treatment of skin cancers and diseases of the skin, and in its service
22 to the capitol community and the people of the State of California,
23 and is encouraged to continue its endeavors to expand these
24 screening and detection efforts throughout the state; now, therefore,
25 be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the month of May 2025, shall be
28 recognized as Skin Cancer Awareness Month in California, and
29 that all Californians shall be encouraged to make themselves and
30 their families aware of the risk of skin cancer as well as the
31 measures that can be taken to prevent it; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 66 (Dixon) – As Introduced April 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and encourages all Californians to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of skin cancer and the measures that can be taken to prevent it. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Over five million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year, and more people are diagnosed in the United States each year than all other cancers combined. According to Skin Cancer Foundation statistics, one in five Americans will develop skin cancer by 70 years of age.
- 2) It is estimated that in the United States, 9,500 people each day are diagnosed with a malignant melanoma. Malignant melanoma, a serious skin cancer, is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of pigment-producing tanning cells.
- 3) Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, non-melanoma skin cancers, are also very common forms of cancer in the United States. Early detection and treatment for squamous cell carcinoma is important as it can be cured.
- 4) Excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVA and UVB) is the most important preventable cause of melanoma. Other possible causes include genetic factors and immune deficiencies. Malignant melanoma has also been linked to past sunburns, sun, and tanning device exposure at younger ages.
- 5) The California Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery has an outstanding record of service and leadership in advancing the cause of prevention, detection, and treatment of skin cancers and diseases of the skin, and is encouraged to continue its endeavors to expand these screening and detection efforts throughout the state.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Assembly Member Ávila Farías

April 22, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 68, as introduced, Ávila Farías. “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2025 as “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation entities, through cultural and
- 2 inclusive program offerings, among other things, provide
- 3 communities of color with the opportunity to explore the past and
- 4 celebrate the future; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Parks build communities by eliminating economic,
- 6 social, ethnic, and racial barriers through the sharing and
- 7 experiencing of common spaces at no cost; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation promote physical, emotional,
- 9 and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed
- 10 fitness, play, and activity and help prevent health problems; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs support the
- 12 economic vitality of communities by partnering with local

1 businesses and nonprofits and offering events for residents’
2 engagement; and

3 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs create memorable
4 experiences through youth sports and enrichment activities, teen
5 centers and programs, senior activity centers, adult fitness and
6 enrichment programs, free community events, and beyond; and

7 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs foster social
8 cohesiveness in communities by celebrating diversity, providing
9 spaces to peacefully gather, modeling compassion, promoting
10 social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people
11 have access to those benefits; and

12 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs help encourage
13 community cohesion and facilitate the formation of deeper
14 connections with one another; and

15 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation support human development
16 and provide endless learning opportunities that foster social,
17 intellectual, physical, and emotional growth in people of all ages
18 and abilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs strengthen
20 community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect
21 and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history,
22 aesthetics, and landscapes; and

23 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs facilitate
24 community problem and issue resolution by providing safe spaces
25 to peacefully gather and serve as key points of service, which helps
26 our communities heal both physically and emotionally; and

27 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs increase mental
28 and emotional health, as evidenced by studies that have found that
29 individuals living close to parks have lower levels of stress and
30 depression; and

31 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation sustain, and are stewards of,
32 our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space,
33 connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function
34 of parkland; and

35 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation emphasize the importance of
36 nature and teaching future generations to value nature and the
37 outdoors as part of their development; and

38 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation support safe, vibrant,
39 attractive, and progressive communities that make life better

1 through positive alternatives offered through recreational
2 opportunities; and

3 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs are versatile and
4 innovative in providing vital services to communities through
5 local, national, or global emergencies, while also adhering to
6 guidelines set forth by governing agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational facilities provide more
8 affordable options for many communities without easy access to
9 state parks; and

10 WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society has
11 released a statewide public awareness campaign, “Parks Make
12 Life Better!®”, to inform the public of the many benefits of using
13 parks, facilities, programs, and services; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
16 of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the
17 health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all
18 Californians; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares the month of July 2025
20 as “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 68 (Ávila Farías) – As Introduced April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of July 2025 as “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month; and, recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Park and recreation entities, through cultural and inclusive program offerings, provide communities of color with the opportunity to explore the past and celebrate the future.
- 2) Parks build communities by eliminating economic, social, ethnic, and racial barriers through the sharing and experiencing of common spaces at no cost.
- 3) Parks and recreation promote physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity, and help prevent health problems.
- 4) Parks and recreational programs create memorable experiences through youth sports and enrichment activities, teen centers and programs, senior activity centers, adult fitness and enrichment programs, free community events, and beyond.
- 5) Parks and recreation sustain, and are stewards of, our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland. They emphasize the importance of nature and teaching future generations to value nature and the outdoors as part of their development.
- 6) Parks and recreational programs are versatile and innovative in providing vital services to communities through local, national, or global emergencies.
- 7) The California Park & Recreation Society has released a statewide public awareness campaign, “Parks Make Life Better!®”, to inform the public of the many benefits of using parks, facilities, programs, and services.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 76

Introduced by Assembly Member Solache

May 1, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to California Small Business Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 76, as introduced, Solache. California Small Business Month. This measure would declare May as California Small Business Month. Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 4,100,000 small
2 businesses, representing over 99 percent of all businesses in the
3 state, and serving as the foundation of the world’s fourth largest
4 economy; and
5 WHEREAS, Small businesses in California employ
6 approximately 7,500,000 workers, nearly one-half of the state’s
7 private workforce, driving innovation, creating jobs, and serving
8 as vital pillars of local communities; and
9 WHEREAS, California’s dynamic and competitive economic
10 environment, coupled with a robust regulatory framework focused
11 on sustainability, equity, and consumer protection, positions small
12 businesses to thrive in a forward-looking, innovation-led economy;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, Small businesses in California have demonstrated
15 exceptional resilience and adaptability, successfully navigating
16 one of the most competitive landscapes in the nation, while

1 continuing to lead in sectors such as clean energy, biotechnology,
2 food innovation, and digital commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, The resilience and adaptability of small businesses
4 have been demonstrated through their recovery efforts following
5 the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and recent devastating
6 wildfires, with many pivoting to meet new consumer needs and
7 contributing to the state's economic rebound; and

8 WHEREAS, Minority-owned small businesses contribute more
9 than \$414 billion annually to the state's economy, supporting over
10 3,600,000 jobs and generating over \$50 billion in tax revenue,
11 including \$24.5 billion for state and local tax receipts, providing
12 revenue that helps fund essential services such as education,
13 infrastructure, and housing; and

14 WHEREAS, Small businesses play a crucial role in addressing
15 affordability issues in California by creating local jobs, offering
16 community-based services, reducing commute times, and
17 contributing to more equitable economic development; and

18 WHEREAS, Forty-seven percent of California's small
19 businesses are owned by individuals from diverse racial and ethnic
20 backgrounds, reinforcing the state's commitment to inclusive
21 economic opportunity; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May as California
24 Small Business Month, in celebration of the contributions small
25 businesses make to our economy, culture, and communities; and
26 be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 76 (Solache) – As Introduced May 1, 2025

SUBJECT: California Small Business Month.

SUMMARY: Declares May as California Small Business Month in celebration of the contributions small businesses make to our economy, culture, and communities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to more than 4.1 million small businesses, representing over 99 percent of all businesses in the state, and serving as the foundation of the world's fourth largest economy.
- 2) Small businesses in California employ approximately 7.5 million workers, nearly one-half of the state's private workforce, driving innovation, creating jobs, and serving as vital pillars of local communities.
- 3) California's dynamic and competitive economic environment, coupled with a robust regulatory framework focused on sustainability, equity, and consumer protection, positions small businesses to thrive in a forward-looking, innovation-led economy.
- 4) Small businesses in California have demonstrated exceptional resilience and adaptability, successfully navigating one of the most competitive landscapes in the nation, while continuing to lead in sectors such as clean energy, biotechnology, food innovation, and digital commerce.
- 5) The resilience and adaptability of small businesses have been demonstrated through their recovery efforts following the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and recent devastating wildfires, with many pivoting to meet new consumer needs and contributing to the state's economic rebound.
- 6) Minority-owned small businesses contribute more than \$414 billion annually to the state's economy, supporting over 3.6 million jobs and generating over \$50 billion in tax revenue, including \$24.5 billion for state and local tax receipts, providing revenue that helps fund essential services such as education, infrastructure, and housing.
- 7) Small businesses play a crucial role in addressing affordability issues in California by creating local jobs, offering community-based services, reducing commute times, and contributing to more equitable economic development.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce

California Chamber of Commerce
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Colusa Chamber of Commerce
Cupertino Chamber of Commerce
Duarte Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce
Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce
Folsom Chamber of Commerce
Gilroy Chamber of Commerce
Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce
La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce
Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce
Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Napa Chamber of Commerce
Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce
North San Diego Business Chamber of Commerce
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Business Council
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Porterville Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Rocklin Chamber of Commerce
Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce
San Marcos Chamber of Commerce
Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce
Shingle Springs/Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
Tulare Chamber of Commerce
United Chamber Advocacy Network
Vacaville Chamber of Commerce
Visalia Chamber of Commerce
Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce
West Ventura County Business Alliance
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce
Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



May 9, 2025

TO: Members, Assembly Rules Committee

**SUBJECT: ACR 76 (SOLACHE) – CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS MONTH
SUPPORT – AS INTRODUCED MAY 1, 2025**

The California Chamber of Commerce and the undersigned organizations are pleased to **SUPPORT ACR 76 (Solache)**, which illuminates the crucial role small business plays in California's economy. Small businesses serve as the backbone of the world's fourth-largest economy, promoting innovation and job creation while uplifting communities across the state. California has more than 4.1 million small businesses, and 47% of those businesses are minority-owned. California leads with the highest number of minority-owned small businesses in the nation.¹ Establishing California Small Business Month emphasizes not only the positive economic impact small businesses have statewide but also creates a platform to support local communities and a diverse marketplace.

Small businesses in California have created seven million jobs and export \$75 billion annually, making up 43% of all California's total exports.¹ By dedicating a month to small businesses, we shine a spotlight on their immense contributions and the vital role they play in driving the economy forward. They are not just a major role in the economy, but leaders in innovation across different sectors. Small businesses impact nearly every sector of business and continue to lead in sectors such as clean energy, biotechnology, food innovation and digital commerce.² Supporting small businesses that are often at the forefront of innovation and a pillar of the economy only propels California forward.

ACR 76 celebrates small businesses by acknowledging their contributions and promoting support and investment into these businesses. By championing small business, we help create stronger communities and foster California's diverse and dynamic economy.

For these reasons, we **SUPPORT ACR 76 (Solache)**.

Sincerely,



Ariana Matthews
California Chamber of Commerce

Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Colusa Chamber of Commerce
Cupertino Chamber of Commerce
Duarte Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce
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Gilroy Chamber of Commerce
Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce

¹ <https://calosba.ca.gov/connect-with-calosba/ca-small-business-facts/>

² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260ACR76

La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce
Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce
Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Napa Chamber of Commerce
Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce
North San Diego Business Chamber of Commerce
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Business Council
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Porterville Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Rocklin Chamber of Commerce
Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce
San Marcos Chamber of Commerce
Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
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Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
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United Chamber Advocacy Network
Vacaville Chamber of Commerce
Visalia Chambe of Commerce
Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce
West Ventura County Business Alliance
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce
Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce

cc: Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member Davies

May 5, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 77—Relative to Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 77, as introduced, Davies. Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2025 as Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month in California and recognize Nadina Riggsbee, her daughter, Samira, and her son, JJ, in honor of Ms. Riggsbee’s retirement from her position as the President and Founder of the Drowning Prevention Foundation.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the Drowning Prevention Foundation
2 and the State Department of Public Health’s EPICenter injury
3 surveillance system, drowning is the leading cause of death among
4 children 1 to 4 years of age, inclusive, the second leading cause
5 of death for children 5 to 14 years of age, inclusive, and the third
6 leading cause of death for teenagers and youth 15 to 24 years of
7 age, inclusive; and
8 WHEREAS, More than 430 Californians of all ages suffer fatal
9 drowning incidents annually and hundreds more become nonfatal,
10 rescued, drowning victims; and

1 WHEREAS, In the United States, for every child who dies from
2 drowning, another seven receive emergency department care for
3 nonfatal submersion injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, Survivors of nonfatal drowning are often left with
5 permanent brain damage and require lifelong assistance; and

6 WHEREAS, Childhood drowning and nonfatal drowning can
7 happen in a matter of seconds; and

8 WHEREAS, Eighty-eight percent of all child drowning incidents
9 occur when an adult is present; and

10 WHEREAS, As many as 20 percent of nonfatal drowning
11 survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disability, often
12 resulting in high medical costs to the family and millions of dollars
13 in costs to taxpayers in the form of medical benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, Often drowning occurs silently without any
15 warning or splashing sounds; and

16 WHEREAS, It is crucial for families to learn essential lifesaving
17 practices to prevent drowning and to safeguard their children's
18 safety; and

19 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of all drowning accidents occur between
20 the months of May and August; and

21 WHEREAS, The month of May of each year is recognized as
22 National Drowning Prevention Month and National Water Safety
23 Month; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the month of May 2025 be observed as
26 Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month in California; and be
27 it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes Nadina
29 Riggsbee, her daughter, Samira, and her son, JJ, in honor of Ms.
30 Riggsbee's retirement from her position as the President and
31 Founder of the Drowning Prevention Foundation and to
32 acknowledge her role as California's matriarch of drowning
33 prevention. Ms. Riggsbee has worked tirelessly for more than 30
34 years to further the cause of drowning prevention in California
35 and to support the development of many successful state, regional,
36 and local drowning prevention and child safety organizations while
37 providing care and support to other families affected by the loss
38 of a child to drowning; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 77 (Davies) – As Introduced May 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the Drowning Prevention Foundation and the State Department of Public Health’s EPICenter injury surveillance system, drowning is the leading cause of death among children 1 to 4 years of age, inclusive, the second leading cause of death for children 5 to 14 years of age, inclusive, and the third leading cause of death for teenagers and youth 15 to 24 years of age, inclusive.
- 2) More than 430 Californians of all ages suffer fatal drowning incidents annually and hundreds more become nonfatal, rescued, drowning victims.
- 3) Childhood drowning and nonfatal drowning can happen in a matter of seconds. In the United States, for every child who dies from drowning, another seven receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.
- 4) Survivors of nonfatal drowning are often left with permanent brain damage and require lifelong assistance.
- 5) As many as 20 percent of nonfatal drowning survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disability, often resulting in high medical costs to the family and millions of dollars in costs to taxpayers in the form of medical benefits.
- 6) It is crucial for families to learn essential lifesaving practices to prevent drowning and to safeguard their children’s safety.
- 7) The month of May of each year is recognized as National Drowning Prevention Month and National Water Safety Month.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Coalition for Children’s Safety and Health
Drowning Prevention Foundation

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

May 7, 2025



Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, Chair
Assemblymember Tom Lackey, Vice Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for ACR 77 (Davies) drowning prevention month

Dear Assemblymembers Pacheco and Lackey:

The California Coalition for Children's Safety and Health and our sister organization, the Drowning Prevention Foundation, are honored to support and co-sponsor Assemblymember Laurie Davies' ACR 77, declaring May as California's Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month. For more than 30 years the Drowning Prevention Foundation has worked with every Governor to craft and release the annual drowning prevention month Proclamation naming May as California's Drowning Prevention month and elevating attention to and public knowledge about the impact drowning has on our state.

This measure would not only proclaim the month of May 2025 as Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month in California but also provides important public information about drowning in California and how the public and families can help prevent drowning. This year's ACR will also recognize Nadina Riggsbee, her daughter, Samira, and her son, JJ. Samira aged 2 ½ years old and JJ aged 14 months drowned together with Samira not being able to be revived and JJ revived but suffering catastrophic brain damage. JJ never talked or walked again, and just three weeks ago passed away at age 48. Since Samira and JJ's drowning Nadina worked tirelessly for more than 30 years to help prevent drowning not only here in California but also across the U.S. She is recognized in the drowning prevention community as the matriarch of the drowning prevention movement here in California and across the nation. ACR 77 is offered not only to elevate drowning as a preventable public health issue but also to honor of Ms. Riggsbee's retirement from her position as the President and Founder of the Drowning Prevention Foundation and her work that has kept many thousands of other children and families suffering a drowning event.

According to the Drowning Prevention Foundation and the State Department of Public Health's EPICenter injury surveillance system, drowning is the leading cause of death among children 1 to 4 years of age, the second leading cause of death for children 5 to 14 years of age, and the third leading cause of death for teenagers and youth 15 to 24 years of age. More than 430 Californians of all ages suffer fatal drowning incidents annually and hundreds more become nonfatal, rescued, drowning victims. In the United States, for every child who dies from drowning, another seven receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries. Survivors of nonfatal drowning, like JJ, are often left with permanent brain damage and require lifelong assistance.

Childhood drowning and nonfatal drowning can happen in a matter of seconds. Eighty-eight percent of all child drowning incidents occur when an adult is present. As many as 20 percent of nonfatal drowning survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disability, often resulting in high medical costs to the family and millions of dollars in costs to taxpayers in the form of medical benefits. Drowning victims with severe brain damage make up the largest number of clients being cared for by California's Department of Developmental Services (DDS). DDS reports that they currently have more than 770 drowning victim clients with severe brain damage.

Often drowning occurs silently without any warning or splashing sounds. It is crucial for families to learn essential lifesaving practices to prevent drowning and to safeguard their children's safety. With California's long period of warmer months attracting people to the water, two-thirds of all drowning accidents occur between the months of May and August. That is why the month of May of each year is recognized as National Drowning Prevention Month and National Water Safety Month and ACR 77 observes the month of May as Drowning Awareness and Prevention Month in California.

We are proud of the fact ACR will also recognize Nadina Riggsbee, her daughter, Samira, and her son, JJ, in honor of Ms. Riggsbee's retirement from her position as the President and Founder of the Drowning Prevention Foundation and to acknowledge her role as California's matriarch of drowning prevention. Her work in California supported the development of many successful state, regional, and local drowning prevention and child safety organizations while she also provided care and support to other families affected by the loss of a child to drowning.

We urge you to pass this important ACR and by doing so help increase attention to and work on reducing drowning across the state.

If you have questions about CCCSH's position on ACR or the Drowning Prevention Foundation, you can email our State Program Director, Steve Barrow.

Sincerely,

Cathy Barankin

Catherine Barankin, Executive Director

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Steve Barrow, State Program Director

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 78

Introduced by Assembly Member Patel

May 5, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 78, as introduced, Patel. Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim May 2025 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In the United States, maternal depression is the
2 most common complication of pregnancy. Maternal mental health
3 disorders encompass a range of mental health conditions, such as
4 depression, anxiety, and postpartum psychosis; and

5 WHEREAS, Maternal mental health affects one in five women
6 during or after pregnancy, but all women are at risk of suffering
7 from maternal mental health disorders. Specifically, in California,
8 one in five mothers suffers from pregnancy-related depression;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Fewer than 15 percent of identified cases of
11 maternal mental health disorders are treated as a result of personal,
12 structural, and systemic barriers within the health care system; and

13 WHEREAS, Untreated maternal mental health disorders
14 significantly and negatively impact the short- and long-term health
15 and well-being of affected women and their children; and

1 WHEREAS, Untreated maternal mental health disorders cause
2 adverse birth outcomes, impaired maternal-infant bonding, poor
3 infant growth, childhood emotional and behavioral problems, and
4 significant medical and economic costs, estimated to be \$32,000
5 per mother-infant pair; and

6 WHEREAS, Lack of understanding and social stigma of mental
7 health disorders prevent women and families from understanding
8 the signs, symptoms, and risks involved with maternal mental
9 health and disproportionately affect women who lack access to
10 social support networks; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature dedicates the month of
13 May 2025 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; and be
14 it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 78 (Patel) – As Introduced May 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2025 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In the United States, maternal depression is the most common complication of pregnancy. Maternal mental health disorders encompass a range of mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety, and postpartum psychosis.
- 2) Maternal mental health affects one in five women during or after pregnancy, but all women are at risk of suffering from maternal mental health disorders. Specifically, in California, one in five Californian mothers suffers from pregnancy-related depression.
- 3) Fewer than 15 percent of identified cases of maternal mental health disorders are treated as a result of personal, structural, and systemic barriers within the health care system.
- 4) Untreated maternal mental health disorders significantly and negatively impact the short- and long-term health and well-being of affected women and their children. They cause adverse birth outcomes, impaired maternal-infant bonding, poor infant growth, childhood emotional and behavioral problems, and significant medical and economic costs, estimated to be \$32,000 per mother.
- 5) Lack of understanding and social stigma of mental health disorders prevent women and families from understanding the signs, symptoms, and risks involved with maternal mental health and disproportionately affect women who lack access to social support networks.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Assembly Member Stefani

May 5, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 80, as introduced, Stefani. Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim and acknowledge the month of June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California and would reiterate the importance of annually recognizing Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The population of Californians over 60 years of
2 age is expected to increase 166 percent during the period from
3 2010 to 2060, inclusive, with more than one-half of the counties
4 seeing a 100-percent increase in this age group; and
5 WHEREAS, Research by the National Institute of Justice found
6 that 11 percent of older adults reported experiencing at least one
7 form of mistreatment in the past year, including emotional,
8 physical, nutritional, or sexual mistreatment or neglect; and
9 WHEREAS, It is estimated that only 1 in 24 incidents are
10 reported and fewer than 15 percent of those harmed access formal
11 support services each year; and
12 WHEREAS, Many victims of abuse fail to report out of fear of
13 losing their relationships with those harming them, shame that

1 someone they trust mistreated them, or distrust of the police and
2 agencies charged to help them; and

3 WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult abuse may be physical,
4 emotional, sexual, or financial. The abuse knows no boundaries
5 with respect to the gender, race, culture, religion, geographic
6 location, or economic, educational, or social status of the victim;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Financial abuse ranked first among the types of
9 abuse reported to adult protective services during 2023–24, with
10 nearly 170,000 reports received; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s
12 Internet Crime Complaint Center, over 101,068 victims who are
13 60 years of age and older reported scam-related losses equaling
14 \$3,400,000,000 in 2023. Technical support, customer support, and
15 government impersonation call centers overwhelmingly target
16 older adults, with devastating effects. Almost half - 40 percent -
17 of the complainants report being 60 years of age or older, and
18 experience 58 percent of the losses, which equates to over
19 \$770,000,000; and

20 WHEREAS, Barriers to accessing help include cognitive and
21 communication impairments, literacy, lack of culturally specific
22 services, and shame. Additionally, elder adults may distrust their
23 ability to protect themselves, self-advocate, report to authorities
24 when the abuse occurs, or to testify against perpetrators; and

25 WHEREAS, Factors that place older Californians at risk for
26 abuse include cognitive and physical decline, dementia, isolation,
27 and loneliness, as well as a lack of access to preventive services
28 like estate planning, daily money management, affordable
29 supported housing, and assistance with decisionmaking; and

30 WHEREAS, One in every nine individuals over 65 years of age
31 is living with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, 20 to 25 percent,
32 inclusive, of the older adult population experience mild cognitive
33 impairment, and one in two people with dementia experience some
34 form of abuse by others; and

35 WHEREAS, Subtle indicators that abuse may be occurring
36 include bruises or pressure marks, unexplained withdrawal from
37 normal activities, a change in alertness, unusual depression, sudden
38 changes in financial situations, strained or tense relationships, or
39 frequent arguments; and

1 WHEREAS, Recognizing these signs is the first step toward the
2 prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse; and

3 WHEREAS, Elders who experience abuse or mistreatment face
4 a greater risk of impacting the health system or impacting the social
5 services system; and

6 WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult abuse victims have a
7 mortality rate three times that of the general public and are 300
8 percent more likely to die a premature death; and

9 WHEREAS, All older adults, including those with disabilities,
10 have the right to live safely in the least restrictive environment,
11 whether in their homes or in health care facilities, and to enjoy an
12 optimum quality of life while being protected from all forms of
13 injustice; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 2019, California has begun collecting
15 comprehensive data on abuse cases, including reports and
16 investigations. Because data collection has just recently begun,
17 the government has not only a limited capacity to track existing
18 trends and make informed decisions regarding the strategic use of
19 existing resources, but a limited ability to improve the reporting
20 system, enhance protections, or give law enforcement partners the
21 tools necessary to secure justice; and

22 WHEREAS, Private citizens and public agencies must work to
23 combat crime and violence against older adults and adults with
24 disabilities by identifying and preventing the social isolation of
25 elders through the expansion and resourcing of home- and
26 community-based long-term support and services programs, by
27 increasing law enforcement, increasing public awareness, and
28 expanding social service programs; and

29 WHEREAS, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness
30 Month in California aligns with World Elder Abuse Awareness
31 Day, first established in 2006 and observed on June 15 every year
32 and created to promote a better understanding of the cultural, social,
33 economic, and demographic issues associated with abuse around
34 the globe; and

35 WHEREAS, On June 10, 2019, Governor Newsom issued
36 Executive Order No. N-14-19, calling for the development of a
37 10-year Master Plan for Aging (MPA) to serve as a blueprint for
38 state government, local government, the private sector, and
39 philanthropy to prepare the state for the coming demographic

1 changes and continue California’s leadership in aging, disability,
2 and equity; and

3 WHEREAS, Goal 3 of the MPA, “Inclusion and Equity, Not
4 Isolation,” calls for lifelong opportunities for older Californians
5 and protection against isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect,
6 and exploitation; and

7 WHEREAS, All Californians are strongly encouraged to report
8 suspected abuse of an elder or dependent adult by calling their
9 local adult protective services agency, local Long-Term Care
10 Ombudsman program, law enforcement, or emergency services
11 agencies; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims and
14 acknowledges the month of June 2025 as Elder and Dependent
15 Adult Abuse Awareness Month and reiterates the importance of
16 annually recognizing Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness
17 Month in the state; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 80 (Stefani) – As Introduced May 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims and acknowledges the month of June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month, and reiterates the importance of annually recognizing Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The population of Californians over 60 years of age is expected to increase 166 percent during the period from 2010 to 2060, inclusive, with more than one-half of the counties seeing a 100-percent increase in this age group.
- 2) Elder and dependent adult abuse knows no boundaries with respect to the gender, race, culture, religion, geographic location, or economic, educational, or social status of the victim.
- 3) Research by the National Institute of Justice found that 11 percent of older adults reported experiencing at least one form of mistreatment in the past year, including emotional, physical, nutritional, or sexual mistreatment, or neglect.
- 4) Many victims of abuse fail to report out of fear of losing their relationships with those harming them, shame that someone they trust mistreated them, or distrust of the police and agencies charged to help them.
- 5) Financial abuse ranked first among the types of abuse reported to adult protective services during 2023-24, with nearly 170,000 reports received. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center, over 101,068 victims above 60 years of age reported scam-related losses equaling \$3.4 billion in 2023.
- 6) Factors that place older Californians at risk for abuse include cognitive and physical decline, dementia, isolation, and loneliness, as well as a lack of access to preventive services like estate planning, daily money management, affordable supported housing, and assistance with decisionmaking.
- 7) Subtle indicators that abuse may be occurring include bruises or pressure marks, unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a change in alertness, unusual depression, sudden changes in financial situations, strained or tense relationships, or frequent arguments. Recognizing these signs is the first step toward the prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse.
- 8) Private citizens and public agencies must work to combat crime and violence against older adults and adults with disabilities by identifying and preventing the social isolation of elders, through the expansion and resourcing of home- and community-based long-term support and services programs, by increasing law enforcement, increasing public awareness, and expanding social service programs.

- 9) Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California aligns with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, first established in 2006 and observed on June 15 every year, and created to promote a better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues associated with abuse around the globe.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Alzheimer's Association

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

California

May 6, 2025

Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 80 (Stefani) Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month – SUPPORT

The Alzheimer's Association is pleased to **Support** Assemblymember Catherine Stefani's Assembly Concurrent Resolution 80, which declares June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. This resolution brings attention to the growing crisis of elder abuse including financial, emotional, physical, nutritional, sexual mistreatment or neglect. It also highlights cognitive health as a key risk factor for abuse. This resolution specifically details the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®.

This resolution provides that financial abuse is among the most prominent forms of mistreatment older adults have recently experienced, which can facilitate the use of restrictive measures like guardianship. The Alzheimer's Association looks forward to working with the author and others in this space to implement supportive decision-making programs that empower those living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia to maintain the dignity they deserve while aging.

ACR 80 is a critical reminder for the legislature to prioritize the development of meaningful policy proposals that protect the growing population of older adults.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your **"AYE"** vote. Please feel free to reach out to me at amendoza@alz.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Andrew Mendoza
Director of State Affairs

House Resolution

No. 34

**Introduced by Assembly Member Solache
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Elhawary,
Mark González, Jackson, Lee, Ward, and Zbur)**

April 22, 2025

House Resolution No. 34—Relative to Harvey Milk Day.

- 1 WHEREAS, Harvey Bernard Milk was born on May 22, 1930,
2 in Woodmere, New York. He was the first openly gay man to be
3 elected to public office in a major city of the United States. He
4 was assassinated in 1978 at San Francisco City Hall by a political
5 rival. Perhaps more than any other modern figure, Harvey Milk’s
6 life and political career embody the rise of the lesbian, gay,
7 bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) civil
8 rights movement in California, across the nation, and throughout
9 the world; and
10 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk graduated from the State University
11 of New York at Albany, in Albany, New York in 1951; and
12 WHEREAS, Thereafter, Harvey Milk enlisted in the United
13 State Navy in 1951 and served until 1955, reaching the rank of
14 lieutenant (junior grade). In 1955, he was forced to resign after
15 being questioned about his sexual orientation; and
16 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Harvey Milk lived in New York
17 City, first working on Wall Street as an investment banker and
18 later as a theater producer; and
19 WHEREAS, In 1972, Harvey Milk moved with his partner,
20 Scott Smith, to San Francisco, California and opened a camera
21 shop called Castro Camera; and

1 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk soon emerged as a community leader
2 in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco, founding the Castro
3 Valley Association of Local Merchants, and representing that
4 association's interests before city government; and

5 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk unsuccessfully ran for the Board of
6 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in 1973, and
7 unsuccessfully ran for the Assembly in 1975. With each race, he
8 gained more prominence and eventually became known endearingly
9 by his neighbors as the "Mayor of Castro Street"; and

10 WHEREAS, After San Francisco adopted a district election
11 system in 1977, Harvey Milk was elected to the Board of
12 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco representing
13 District 5. It was the first time in the history of the United States
14 that an openly gay man was elected to a prominent political office;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, During his term on the board of supervisors, Harvey
17 Milk sponsored and successfully passed a gay rights ordinance
18 that prohibited antigay discrimination in housing and employment;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was instrumental in defeating
21 Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, at the
22 General Election on November 7, 1978, that would have banned
23 gays and lesbians from teaching in the public schools of this state;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, As an openly gay leader, Harvey Milk encouraged
26 LGBT individuals to be visible in society. During the Gay Freedom
27 Day Parade of June 25, 1978, he told the crowd, "Gay people, we
28 will not win our rights by staying quietly in our closets"; and

29 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was also successful in forging
30 coalitions with San Francisco's other minority leaders. His message
31 was one of unity against oppression in all its forms. In the same
32 Gay Freedom Day Parade speech, he said, "I call upon all
33 minorities and especially the millions of lesbians and gay men to
34 wake up from their dreams ... to gather on Washington and tell ...
35 their nation: 'Wake up ... wake up, America ... no more racism,
36 no more sexism, no more ageism, no more hatred ... no more'";
37 and

38 WHEREAS, In 1978, Dan White, who represented District 8
39 on the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
40 Francisco, resigned from his seat due to financial hardship, thus

1 allowing the Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, to appoint
2 a successor; and

3 WHEREAS, Dan White later asked Mayor Moscone to be
4 reappointed to his seat. Mayor Moscone declined after having been
5 lobbied by several city leaders, including Harvey Milk, who often
6 clashed with Dan White due to their political differences; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 27, 1978, Dan White went to San
8 Francisco City Hall to meet with Mayor Moscone and make a final
9 plea for reappointment. When the mayor declined the request, Dan
10 White shot and killed Mayor Moscone, then went to Harvey Milk's
11 office and also shot and killed him; and

12 WHEREAS, Dan White subsequently surrendered to the
13 authorities. Though he had carried a gun, 10 extra rounds, and
14 crawled through a window to avoid metal detectors, Dan White
15 denied that the shootings were premeditated; and

16 WHEREAS, Thousands attended a spontaneous candlelight
17 memorial vigil the night of Harvey Milk's funeral; and

18 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk had anticipated the possibility of
19 assassination and had recorded several audiotapes to be played in
20 that event. One of the tapes included his now famous quote, "If a
21 bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet
22 door"; and

23 WHEREAS, Dan White's trial, which began four months after
24 the killings, was one of the most closely watched trials in California
25 at that time. The prosecution claimed that Dan White's motive
26 was revenge. But Dan White's attorney, Douglas Schmidt, claimed
27 that Dan White was a victim of pressure and had been depressed,
28 a state exacerbated by his consuming a large quantity of junk food
29 before the murders, which became known as the "Twinkie
30 Defense"; and

31 WHEREAS, During the trial, the jury also heard Dan White's
32 confession, which was tape recorded the day after the murders.
33 During the confession, Dan White tearfully talked of how Mayor
34 Moscone and Harvey Milk opposed his reappointment to
35 supervisor; and

36 WHEREAS, Dan White was convicted of voluntary
37 manslaughter on the grounds of diminished capacity and sentenced
38 to seven years and eight months in prison, a sentence widely
39 denounced as lenient and motivated by homophobia. During the

1 jury selection process in the criminal trial, defense attorneys had
2 excluded candidates they deemed “pro-gay”; and

3 WHEREAS, In protest of the lenient sentence, San Francisco’s
4 gay community erupted in what came to be known as the “White
5 Night Riots.” It began as a peaceful march from the Castro District
6 to San Francisco City Hall, but turned into a riot when marchers
7 clashed with the police force outside of San Francisco City Hall;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s legacy as a civil rights leader is still
10 felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine’s most influential
11 people of the 20th century. Many institutions and organizations
12 are named for Harvey Milk, including the Harvey Milk
13 Recreational Arts Center, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy,
14 the Harvey Milk Institute, the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk
15 Memorial Branch Library, and the Harvey Milk
16 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Democratic Club in San
17 Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s legacy as the first openly gay elected
19 official in California is also still felt today. Since his election as
20 the first, California now has nearly 200 openly 2SLGBTQ+ elected
21 officials, with the California State Legislature comprising a historic
22 10 percent representation as of 2024; and

23 WHEREAS, Outside of San Francisco, a number of alternative
24 schools in the United States are named for Harvey Milk, including
25 Harvey Milk High School in New York City, and Oakes College
26 at the University of California, Santa Cruz has an on-campus
27 apartment building named for Harvey Milk; and

28 WHEREAS, In February 2007, the City of San Francisco agreed
29 to erect a bust of Harvey Milk in San Francisco City Hall in tribute
30 to his service and to memorialize his life’s work. A lengthy process
31 to choose a design took place, and a gala installation event took
32 place in May 2008, to coincide with Harvey Milk’s birthday; and

33 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s story as California’s first openly
34 gay elected official was the topic of a major motion picture released
35 in 2008, which educated audiences worldwide about Milk’s place
36 in history as a trailblazer and civil rights pioneer; and

37 WHEREAS, In August 2009, President Barack Obama
38 posthumously awarded Harvey Milk the Presidential Medal of
39 Freedom for his contribution to the gay rights movement, stating,

1 “he fought discrimination with visionary courage and conviction”;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In May 2014, Harvey Milk was honored by the
4 United States Postal Service with a Forever Stamp; and

5 WHEREAS, In July 2016, United States Secretary of the Navy,
6 Ray Mabus, advised Congress that he intended to name the second
7 ship of the Military Sealift Command’s John Lewis-class oilers
8 USNS Harvey Milk. In 2019, recognizing Harvey Milk’s
9 contributions, legacy, and dedication to the civil rights and
10 LGBTQ+ community, the United States Navy named a fleet
11 replenishment oiler the USNS Harvey Milk (T-AO 206). In
12 November 2021, the ship was launched; and

13 WHEREAS, In April 2018, the San Francisco Board of
14 Supervisors and Mayor Mark Farrell approved and signed
15 legislation renaming Terminal 1 at San Francisco International
16 Airport after Harvey Milk and planned to install artwork
17 memorializing him. This followed a previous attempt to rename
18 the entire airport after him, which was turned down. Officially
19 opened on July 23, 2019, Harvey Milk Terminal 1 is the world’s
20 first airport terminal named after a leader of the LGBTQ+
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s life and social contributions have
23 left an indelible mark on the history of our nation and hold a special
24 meaning for the people of California; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
26 Assembly recognizes the pioneering contributions of Harvey Milk
27 to the cause of LGBTQ+ civil rights and commemorates May 22,
28 2024, as Harvey Milk Day; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 34 (Solache) – As Introduced April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Harvey Milk Day.

SUMMARY: As proposed to be amended by the author, commemorates May 22, 2025, as Harvey Milk Day and recognizes the pioneering contributions of Harvey Milk to the cause of LGBTQ+ civil rights. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Harvey Bernard Milk was born on May 22, 1930, in Woodmere, New York. He was the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in a major city of the United States. Perhaps more than any other modern figure, Harvey Milk's life and political career embody the rise of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) civil rights movement in California, across the nation, and throughout the world.
- 2) In 1972, Harvey Milk moved with his partner, Scott Smith, to San Francisco, California and opened a camera shop called Castro Camera. He soon emerged as a community leader in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco, founding the Castro Valley Association of Local Merchants, and representing that association's interests before city government.
- 3) Harvey Milk unsuccessfully ran for the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in 1973, and unsuccessfully ran for the Assembly in 1975. With each race, he gained more prominence and eventually became known endearingly by his neighbors as the "Mayor of Castro Street."
- 4) After San Francisco adopted a district election system in 1977, Harvey Milk was elected to the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco representing District 5. It was the first time in the history of the United States that an openly gay man was elected to a prominent political office. During his term on the board of supervisors, Harvey Milk sponsored and successfully passed a gay rights ordinance.
- 5) Harvey Milk was instrumental in defeating Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, at the General Election on November 7, 1978, that would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in the public schools of this state.
- 6) Harvey Milk was also successful in forging coalitions with San Francisco's other minority leaders. His message was one of unity against oppression in all its forms. During a Gay Freedom Day speech, he said, "I call upon all minorities and especially the millions of lesbians and gay men to wake up from their dreams ... to gather on Washington and tell ... their nation: 'Wake up ... wake up, America ... no more racism, no more sexism, no more ageism, no more hatred ... no more.'"
- 7) In 1978, Dan White, who represented District 8 on the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, resigned from his seat due to financial hardship, thus allowing the Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, to appoint a successor. Dan White later asked Mayor Moscone to be reappointed to his seat. Mayor Moscone declined after having been

lobbied by several city leaders, including Harvey Milk, who often clashed with Dan White due to their political differences.

- 8) On November 27, 1978, Dan White went to San Francisco City Hall to meet with Mayor Moscone and make a final plea for reappointment. When the mayor declined the request, Dan White shot and killed Mayor Moscone, then went to Harvey Milk's office and also shot and killed him.
- 9) Thousands attended a spontaneous candlelight memorial vigil the night of Harvey Milk's funeral. Harvey Milk had anticipated the possibility of assassination and had recorded several audio tapes to be played in that event. One of the tapes included his now famous quote, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door."
- 10) Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine's most influential people of the 20th century. Many institutions and organizations are named for Harvey Milk, including the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Center, the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, the Harvey Milk Institute, the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, and the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Democratic Club in San Francisco.
- 11) Harvey Milk's life and social contributions have left an indelible mark on the history of our nation and hold a special meaning for the people of California.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia

April 30, 2025

House Resolution No. 36—Relative to Lung Cancer Action Week.

1 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association’s “State of the
2 Air” 2025 Report noted that California communities face
3 significant health risks due to particle pollution; and
4 WHEREAS, California is home to communities with the most
5 significant particle pollution burdens in the nation, and people with
6 lower incomes and people of color face significant disparities in
7 local pollution exposures; and
8 WHEREAS, Sources of particle pollution include diesel trucks,
9 ships, locomotives, and other transportation sources, powerplants,
10 the burning of wood, and wildfires; and
11 WHEREAS, Long-term exposure to particle pollution can
12 increase the risk of lung cancer and lung cancer death; and
13 WHEREAS, Approximately every two minutes, a person in the
14 United States is diagnosed with lung cancer; and
15 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths;
16 and
17 WHEREAS, Lung cancer screening saves lives, and advocacy
18 and increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals
19 getting screened; and
20 WHEREAS, Public support for research funding will result in
21 new treatments and better methods of early detection; and
22 WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is a national initiative, led by the
23 American Lung Association, to defeat lung cancer; now, therefore,
24 be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
2 Assembly hereby designates the second week in May as Lung
3 Cancer Action Week throughout California and encourages all
4 residents of California to take action and learn more about lung
5 cancer, the risk factors, and early detection; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 36 (Garcia) – As Introduced April 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Lung Cancer Action Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the second week in May as Lung Cancer Action Week throughout California, and encourages all residents of California to take action and learn more about lung cancer, the risk factors, and early detection. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to communities with the most significant particle pollution burdens in the nation, and people with lower incomes and people of color face significant disparities in local pollution exposures.
- 2) The American Lung Association’s “State of the Air” 2025 Report noted that California communities face significant health risks due to particle pollution.
- 3) Sources of particle pollution include diesel trucks, ships, locomotives, and other transportation sources, power plants, the burning of wood, and wildfires. Long-term exposure to particle pollution can increase the risk of lung cancer and lung cancer death.
- 4) Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths. Lung cancer screening saves lives, and advocacy and increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals getting screened.
- 5) Public support for research funding will result in new treatments and better methods of early detection. LUNG FORCE is a national initiative, led by the American Lung Association, to defeat lung cancer.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 38

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong

May 1, 2025

House Resolution No. 38—Relative to Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, An estimated 1,000,000 Americans, of all ages,
2 races, ethnicities, and genders, are currently living with a primary
3 brain tumor; and
4 WHEREAS, Malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest
5 forms of cancer, with just a 36 percent five-year relative survival
6 rate, and can induce substantial changes in lifestyle and well-being
7 for patients as well as their loved ones; and
8 WHEREAS, For the most malignant type of brain tumor,
9 glioblastoma, the five-year relative survival rate is only 6.8 percent
10 and median survival is only eight months; and
11 WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to one of the leading brain
12 tumor centers in the world; and
13 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of brain tumors through
14 advocacy and support for vital research, as well as education about
15 the impact brain tumors have on the lives of patients and their
16 families, are critical to finding a cure; now, therefore, be it
17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
18 Assembly declares the month of May 2025 as Brain Tumor
19 Awareness Month; and be it further
20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 38 (Fong) – As Introduced May 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of May 2025 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) An estimated 1 million Americans, of all ages, races, ethnicities, and genders, are currently living with a primary brain tumor.
- 2) Malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer, with just a 36 percent, five-year relative survival rate, and can induce substantial changes in lifestyle and well-being for patients as well as their loved ones.
- 3) For the most malignant type of brain tumor, glioblastoma, the five-year relative survival rate is only 6.8 percent and median survival is only eight months.
- 4) Los Angeles is home to one of the leading brain tumor centers in the world.
- 5) Increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for vital research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on the lives of patients and their families, are critical to finding a cure.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

House Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Papan

May 1, 2025

House Resolution No. 39—Relative to National Public Works Week.

- 1 WHEREAS, Public works professionals focus on infrastructure,
2 facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable
3 and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life,
4 and well-being of the people of the State of California; and
5 WHEREAS, Public works infrastructure, facilities, and services
6 could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works
7 professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all
8 levels of government, and the private sector, who are responsible
9 for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s
10 transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste
11 systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities
12 essential for our citizens; and
13 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of California communities
14 to gain knowledge of, and maintain an ongoing interest in and
15 understanding of, the importance of public works and public works
16 programs in their respective communities; and
17 WHEREAS, Public works is often considered “the silent arm
18 of public safety,” usually without fanfare. Public works
19 professionals provide vital support to emergency response partners,
20 helping to protect essential services and restoring those services
21 following an emergency, and are often the first on scene and the
22 last to leave the scenes of disasters no matter the peril; and

1 WHEREAS, The year 2025 marks the 65th annual National
2 Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works
3 Association; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Public Works Association applauds
5 the national recognition of the “Public Works First Responder”
6 status and its use to support and promote public works first
7 responders; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
9 Assembly hereby declares the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24,
10 2025, inclusive, as National Public Works Week in the State of
11 California, and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation
12 calling on the people of the great State of California to observe
13 the week with appropriate programs and educational activities;
14 and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 39 (Papan) – As Introduced May 1, 2025

SUBJECT: National Public Works Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, inclusive, as National Public Works Week in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities, and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the State of California.
- 2) Public works infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government, and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for California residents.
- 3) It is in the public interest of California communities to gain knowledge of, and maintain an ongoing interest in and understanding of, the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.
- 4) Public works is often considered “the silent arm of public safety,” usually without fanfare. Public works professionals provide vital support to emergency response partners, helping to protect essential services and restoring those services following an emergency, and are often the first on scene and the last to leave the scenes of disasters no matter the peril.
- 5) The year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association. The American Public Works Association applauds the national recognition of the “Public Works First Responder” status and its use to support and promote public works first responders.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Public Works Association (APWA)

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



May 5, 2025

The Honorable Diane Papan
California State Assembly
1021 O Street Room 4220
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for HR 39 as introduced

Dear Assemblymember Papan:

APWA supports HR 39. Thank you for introducing this resolution on behalf of the California Chapters of the American Public Works Association (APWA). HR 39 declares the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, as National Public Works Week in the State of California, and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of California to observe the week with appropriate programs and educational activities.

The APWA represents over 30,000 public works professionals across North America, with a robust and active presence throughout California. Our state chapters include:

- Central California Chapter
- Central Coast Chapter
- Monterey Bay Chapter
- Northern California Chapter
- Sacramento Area Chapter
- San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter
- Silicon Valley Chapter
- Southern California Chapter
- Ventura County Chapter

Since 1962, when President John F. Kennedy [issued a proclamation](#) describing public works as vitally important to our national health and welfare and praising the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, and other professionals have worked tirelessly to provide safe, sustainable, and resilient communities. Kennedy observed, "It is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders of this country to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest in the public works needs and programs of their respective communities." SCR 62 continues this fine tradition

We welcome the opportunity to be a resource to you and your staff and are happy to provide technical insight, case studies, or testimony upon request. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to California's infrastructure and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Pakpour'.

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House Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Members Harabedian and Irwin

May 5, 2025

House Resolution No. 41—Relative to National Hospital Week.

1 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 450 hospitals in
2 rural, suburban, and urban areas, that are a source of hope and
3 healing for all in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year
4 round; and

5 WHEREAS, California hospitals treat all who come through
6 their doors and are havens that never close for those who need
7 health care services; and

8 WHEREAS, California hospitals provide life-saving and
9 life-changing care by saving the lives of extremely premature
10 babies, extending the lives of cancer patients and others, and
11 improving the lives of those experiencing traumatic illness and
12 bodily harm; and

13 WHEREAS, Hospitals treat one in four Californians every year,
14 including 15 million visits to emergency departments for critical
15 health care services; and

16 WHEREAS, Hospitals deliver 400,000 babies every year in
17 California, ensuring that birthing parents and babies are safe and
18 cared for before, during, and after delivery; and

19 WHEREAS, California has the fourth highest life expectancy
20 in the nation, with hospitals playing a critical role in the state's
21 health care system; and

22 WHEREAS, Hospitals are economic drivers that are responsible
23 for one million jobs and \$370,000,000,000 in economic output in
24 California; and

1 WHEREAS, Hospitals, which provide safe havens for people
2 in need of emergency care during natural disasters, were at the
3 forefront of the disaster response during the devastating fires this
4 year in Los Angeles; and

5 WHEREAS, Hospitals annually provide \$10,000,000,000 in
6 support to vulnerable populations in their communities through
7 disease detection and prevention, wellness programs, charity care,
8 and partnerships with community nonprofit organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, Hospitals are a key partner for clinics, doctors,
10 Planned Parenthood, and others; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
12 Legislature hereby designates the week of May 11 to May 17,
13 inclusive, as National Hospital Week; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution for the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 41 (Harabedian) – As Introduced May 5, 2025

SUBJECT: National Hospital Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of May 11 to May 17, inclusive, as National Hospital Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to more than 450 hospitals in rural, suburban, and urban areas that are a source of hope and healing for all in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round.
- 2) California hospitals treat all who come through their doors and are havens that never close for those who need health care services. They provide life-saving and life-changing care by saving the lives of extremely premature babies, extending the lives of cancer patients and others, and improving the lives of those experiencing traumatic illness and bodily harm.
- 3) Hospitals treat one in four Californians every year, including 15 million visits to emergency departments for critical health care services. Hospitals deliver 400,000 babies every year in California, ensuring that birthing parents and babies are safe and cared for before, during, and after delivery.
- 4) California has the fourth highest life expectancy in the nation, with hospitals playing a critical role in the state's health care system. Hospitals are a key partner for clinics, doctors, Planned Parenthood, and others.
- 5) Hospitals, which provide safe havens for people in need of emergency care during natural disasters, were at the forefront of the disaster response during the devastating fires this year in Los Angeles.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Grove

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Grayson, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McNerney, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Stern, and Umberg)

March 6, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 34, as introduced, Grove. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse and neglect means
- 2 strengthening families so that their children can thrive; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious
- 4 threats to our nation’s children; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 2023, according to the United States Department
- 6 of Health and Human Services, 47,824 children in California were
- 7 found to be victims of child abuse or neglect, and 164 children in
- 8 California died as a result of child abuse or neglect; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Children who have been abused or neglected have
- 10 a higher risk of developing various health problems as adults,
- 11 including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders,
- 12 obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases; and
- 13 WHEREAS, California’s children deserve to grow up in a safe
- 14 and nurturing environment, free from fear, abuse, and neglect; and

1 WHEREAS, Statewide, child abuse and neglect cases
2 disproportionately involve children of color; and

3 WHEREAS, Effective programs succeed because of partnerships
4 among human service agencies, community-based organizations,
5 schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, and the
6 business community; and

7 WHEREAS, Family resource centers continue to play a key role
8 in preventing child abuse and neglect in their communities by
9 being community-based, family-focused, and culturally sensitive
10 collaborative organizations that provide programs and services
11 based on the needs of families; and

12 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect have long-term economic
13 and societal costs; and

14 WHEREAS, Maltreated children are 77 percent more likely to
15 require special education than children who are not maltreated and
16 are 59 percent more likely to be arrested as juveniles than their
17 peers who are not maltreated; and

18 WHEREAS, Long-term health care costs for adult survivors of
19 childhood physical and sexual abuse are 21 percent higher than
20 for nonvictims; and

21 WHEREAS, Adolescent survivors of child maltreatment are
22 twice as likely to be unemployed as adults and are more likely to
23 receive public assistance than their peers who were not maltreated;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, By one well-respected prevalence estimate, 11.5
26 percent of all children experience child maltreatment in any given
27 year, which implies that the total economic burden in California
28 could be as high as \$284,000,000,000; and

29 WHEREAS, Providing community-based prevention services
30 to families whose children may be at risk of child abuse or neglect
31 is less costly than addressing the emotional and physical damage
32 that can result from child abuse and neglect; and

33 WHEREAS, Providing community-based prevention services
34 to those families can help avoid the costs of protective services,
35 law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment
36 of adults recovering from abuse as children; and

37 WHEREAS, Victims of child abuse, whether the abuse is
38 physical, sexual, or emotional, or a combination of these, should
39 have access to a safe place to live, appropriate medical care, and
40 counseling or mental health services; and

1 WHEREAS, In recent years, Prevent Child Abuse America, the
2 Child Abuse Prevention Center, the California Family Resource
3 Association, and other groups have organized campaigns to
4 increase public awareness of child abuse and to promote ways to
5 prevent child abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States issues
7 a proclamation announcing April as National Child Abuse
8 Prevention Month; and

9 WHEREAS, Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness
10 of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing
11 child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening
12 communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby acknowledges the
16 month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and be it
17 further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 34 (Grove) – As Introduced March 6, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Preventing child abuse and neglect means strengthening families so that their children can thrive. Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children.
- 2) In 2023, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 47,824 children in California were found to be victims of child abuse or neglect, and 164 children in California died as a result of child abuse or neglect.
- 3) Children who have been abused or neglected have a higher risk of developing various health problems as adults, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases.
- 4) Statewide, child abuse and neglect cases disproportionately involve children of color.
- 5) Family resource centers continue to play a key role in preventing child abuse and neglect in their communities by being community-based, family-focused, and culturally sensitive collaborative organizations that provide programs and services based on the needs of families.
- 6) Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Niello

April 1, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 55—Relative to Apprenticeship Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 55, as introduced, Niello. Apprenticeship Week.

This measure would declare the week of April 27, 2025, to May 3, 2025, inclusive, as “Apprenticeship Week” in the State of California and would request that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of California to observe the week with appropriate programs and educational activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 2025, National Apprenticeship Week will
2 celebrate its 11th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role
3 that apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to learn and
4 earn on the pathway to good quality jobs and well-paying careers
5 with the opportunity for career advancement; and
6 WHEREAS, Registered apprenticeship programs allow youth,
7 young adults, and veterans to obtain relevant education and
8 experience to start their careers while earning competitive wages
9 and often include the opportunity to earn college credit as well,
10 creating a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent for
11 critical industries; and
12 WHEREAS, The advancement and well-being of California
13 depends upon its ability to expand workforce opportunities for
14 people in all areas of the state, including through registered
15 apprenticeship programs that can meet the changing demands of

1 the economy while providing a path to success, stability, and
2 opportunity to contribute to America’s industries for all qualified
3 individuals regardless of their race, sexuality, involvement in the
4 justice system, gender, geography, ethnicity, or disability status;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Registered apprenticeship programs for youth are
7 able to combine a proven, industry-driven training model for
8 apprenticeships with colleges and universities, including
9 community colleges, to provide access to a broader array of
10 education and skills development for young people, allowing them
11 greater opportunities for sustained success while addressing
12 challenges, including, but not limited to, rebuilding our country’s
13 infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting
14 a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response,
15 and addressing care economy issues; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor is bringing
17 together employers, industry associations, labor organizations,
18 community-based organizations, workforce partners, educational
19 institutions, and governments to celebrate National Apprenticeship
20 Day on April 30, 2025; and

21 WHEREAS, Themes being highlighted for National
22 Apprenticeship Week include the importance of parents and
23 guardians, building awareness through partnerships with schools
24 and creating pathways through preapprenticeship, and expanding
25 youth apprenticeships for underserved populations in rural,
26 suburban, and urban communities; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the week
29 of April 27, 2025, to May 3, 2025, inclusive, as “Apprenticeship
30 Week” in the State of California and requests that the Governor
31 issue a proclamation calling on the people of the great State of
32 California to observe the week with appropriate programs and
33 educational activities; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
35 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

O

Date of Hearing: May 12, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 55 (Niello) – As Introduced April 1, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Apprenticeship Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of April 27, 2025, to May 3, 2025, inclusive, as “Apprenticeship Week” in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Registered apprenticeship programs allow youth, young adults, and veterans to obtain relevant education and experience to start their careers while earning competitive wages and often include the opportunity to earn college credit as well, creating a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent for critical industries.
- 2) The advancement and well-being of California depends upon its ability to expand workforce opportunities for people in all areas of the state, including through registered apprenticeship programs that can meet the changing demands of the economy. These programs provide a path to success, stability, and opportunity to contribute to America’s industries for all qualified individuals regardless of their race, sexuality, involvement in the justice system, gender, geography, ethnicity, or disability status.
- 3) Registered apprenticeship programs for youth are able to combine a proven, industry-driven training model for apprenticeships with colleges and universities to provide access to a broader array of education and skills development for young people. This allows young people greater opportunities for sustained success while addressing challenges, including rebuilding our country’s infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and addressing care economy issues.
- 4) The United States Department of Labor is bringing together employers, industry associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, workforce partners, educational institutions, and governments to celebrate National Apprenticeship Day on April 30, 2025.
- 5) In 2025, National Apprenticeship Week celebrates its 11th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role that apprenticeships play in providing opportunities to learn and earn on the pathway to good quality jobs and well-paying careers with the opportunity for career advancement.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Subcontractors Association of California (ASAC)
Associated Builders and Contractors of California

Independent Roofing Contractors of California, Inc. (IRCC)
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC)
Western Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. (WECA)

Opposition

None on file

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American Subcontractors
Association of California



May 6, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chairperson
California State Assembly Committee on Rules
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
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Subject: SCR 55 (Niello) – Apprenticeship Week – Support

Dear Chairperson Pacheco:

On behalf of the American Subcontractors Association of California (ASAC), Associated Builders and Contractors of California (ABC of CA) the Independent Roofing Contractors Of California, Inc. (IRCC), the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC), and the Western Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. (WECA), we are pleased to express our strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 55 (SCR 55), which declares the week of April 27, 2025, to May 3, 2025, inclusive, as “Apprenticeship Week” in the State of California.

ASAC is a non-profit membership organization representing licensed construction trade subcontractors and suppliers across the state. ASAC encompasses a diverse array of specialties within the construction industry. Our members range from merit shops to union companies, primarily engaged in constructing commercial, industrial, and public works projects.

ABC of CA is a collaboration of the four (4) ABC Chapters in California. It represents the ABC Central California Chapter, ABC Northern California, ABC San Diego, and ABC Southern California Chapters in carrying forward a common voice on issues that impact Merit Shop Contractors and construction apprenticeships at the California Legislature and Regulatory Agencies.

IRCC is a not-for-profit association of roofing industry professionals whose membership roster includes roofing contractors and associate members, such as material manufacturers and suppliers, who have joined together to foster high workmanship and quality assurance standards within the roofing industry.

PHCC is a trade association in the construction industry, representing professionals in plumbing, heating, and cooling services. Founded in 1883, PHCC is dedicated to advancing and educating the plumbing and HVACR industry for the health, safety, and comfort of society and protecting the environment.

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WECA is a nonprofit organization that serves merit shop electrical and low-voltage contractors, their employees, and the industry suppliers that support them. WECA promotes workforce development for the electrical and low-voltage fields across the Western United States. WECA is an official Apprenticeship Ambassador with the United States Department of Labor.

Registered apprenticeship programs allow youth, young adults, and veterans to obtain relevant education and experience to start their careers while earning competitive wages. They often include the opportunity to earn college credit, creating a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent for critical industries such as firefighting and construction.

A construction career and a college education offer distinct paths with varying benefits; a construction career can provide quick entry into a high-demand field with good earning potential. Apprentices in a registered apprenticeship program in California earn prevailing wages from day one and complete their program at zero cost with no student debt!

For these reasons, our organizations wholeheartedly support the adoption of SCR 55 and the recognition of apprenticeship as a viable career path in California.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We greatly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Blanca Pacheco
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules
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RE: Urgency Request – AB 454

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco,

I am writing to request an urgency clause for my bill, AB 454. In light of recent rollbacks of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, it is necessary for California to reestablish the California Migratory Bird Protection Act as quickly as possible. If there is a delay in the effective date of AB 454, hundreds of diverse bird species and the ecosystems that depend on them may be harmed.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Marissa Plante at (916) 319-2025 or Marissa.Plante@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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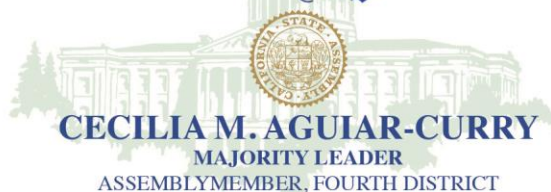
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The Honorable Blanca Pacheco
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RE: Request for Urgency Clause – Assembly Bill 464 (Aguiar-Curry)

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I respectfully request approval to add an urgency clause to Assembly Bill 464 (Aguiar-Curry).

On April 23, 2025, the Department of Justice (DOJ) terminated all funding for the National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Resource Center, which had been instrumental in assisting local and state agencies with implementing PREA standards and supporting DOJ audits of jails, prisons, and detention centers. This significant shift not only removes essential federal support for enforcing PREA but also jeopardizes California's efforts to protect incarcerated survivors of sexual assault. In September 2024, the DOJ announced a civil rights investigation into correctional staff sexual abuse at two California prisons, citing systemic failures to support survivors and hold perpetrators accountable.

Given these developments, it is imperative that the Legislature acts swiftly to uphold California's commitment to protecting survivors and supporting the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) goals to eliminate staff-on-incarcerated person sexual assault. AB 464 addresses these issues by codifying PREA guidelines and enhancing reporting requirements to survivors' families and their support networks. Prompt enactment of this bill is critical to ensure that survivors receive the support they need and to reinforce California's dedication to safeguarding the rights and dignity of incarcerated individuals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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May 8, 2025

Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair
Assembly Committee on Rules
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Dear Chair Pacheco:

I respectfully request a waiver of Joint Rule 61(a) so that the Assembly Committee on Education can meet and hear Assembly Bill 715 (Zbur) after the policy committee deadline.

If you have questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact my Chief Consultant Tanya Lieberman or my Committee Secretary Lauren Robinson at (916) 319-2087. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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AL MURATSUCHI
Assemblymember, 66th District

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 715

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 715

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member Zbur~~ Members Zbur and Addis
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Fong and Gabriel)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Gonzalez, Weber Pierson, and Wiener)

February 14, 2025

An act to ~~add Section 6106.4 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations; amend Sections 212, 212.3, and 244 of the Education Code, relating to education.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 715, as introduced, Zbur. ~~Attorneys: discipline: sensitive services. Educational equity: discrimination.~~

Existing law states the policy of the State of California is to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state. Existing law prohibits the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school from adopting or approving the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum if its use would subject a pupil to unlawful discrimination, as specified.

This bill would similarly prohibit, in addition to the existing prohibition on adopting or approving the use of these materials in these circumstances, allowing the use of these materials in these circumstances. By imposing additional duties on school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools, this bill would impose a



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state-mandated local program. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to, among other things, strengthen protections against discrimination, including antisemitism, in K–12 education, including protections against instruction and activity that promotes discrimination.

Existing law, for purposes of certain related educational equity provisions, including the above-described prohibition on unlawful discrimination, defines “nationality” to include citizenship, county of origin, and national origin, and defines “religion” to include all aspects of religious belief, observance, and practice, as provided.

This bill would define “nationality” to also include a person’s actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, or residency in a country with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity, as provided. The bill would define “discrimination on the basis of religion” to include, but not be limited to, antisemitism and Islamophobia.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

~~The State Bar Act provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public corporation governed by a board of trustees. The act provides for the investigation and discipline of members of the State Bar and authorizes the Supreme Court to suspend or disbar an attorney for specified causes, including for a conviction under the laws of another state or territory of the United States that is deemed a felony. Existing law provides that specified evidence that a licensee of the State Bar committed professional misconduct in another jurisdiction is conclusive evidence that the licensee is culpable of professional misconduct.~~

~~This bill would provide that an excluded event shall not be grounds for disciplinary action or require an attorney or applicant to report the excluded event to the State Bar, supply evidence that an attorney is culpable of professional misconduct in this state, or serve as grounds to deny admission to the State Bar to an applicant. The bill would define “excluded event” to mean certain actions taken when based on the application of another state’s law that interferes with any person’s right~~

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to receive, provide, recommend, enable, or advocate for sensitive services, as defined, that would be lawful in this state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- + SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- + subsequent legislation to do all of the following:
- + (a) Strengthen protections against discrimination, including
- + antisemitism, in K–12 education, including protections against
- + instruction and activity that promotes discrimination.
- + (b) Strengthen the State Department of Education’s uniform
- + complaint process by ensuring that complaints can be made
- + regarding discrimination, including discrimination by school board
- + members and by third parties who are contracted by a local
- + educational agency, and by ensuring timely compliance with
- + Uniform Complaint Procedures filings and determinations.
- + (c) Increase accountability for local educational agencies that
- + are found to engage in discrimination.
- + (d) Create an Antisemitism Coordinator who will further the
- + intent of and compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
- + 1964.
- + (e) Prevent discrimination and ensure a safe and supportive
- + school climate.
- + (f) Ensure that educators, including third-party contractors,
- + fully comply with laws preventing discrimination, including through
- + protections in the contract procurement process.
- + SEC. 2. Section 212 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- + 212. “Nationality” includes citizenship, country of origin, ~~and~~
- + ~~national origin~~, national origin, a person’s actual or perceived
- + shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, or residency in a country
- + with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity.
- + Discrimination against pupils who identify as Jewish, Muslim,
- + Sikh, Hindu, Christian, Tao, Shinto, or Buddhist, pupils of native
- + religious groups, pupils of indigenous religious groups, or pupils
- + of another religious group, when the discrimination involves racial,
- + ethnic, or ancestral slurs or stereotypes, constitutes discrimination
- + on the basis of nationality.

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- + SEC. 3. Section 212.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- + 212.3. "Religion" includes all aspects of religious belief, observance, and practice and includes agnosticism and atheism. "Discrimination on the basis of religion" includes, but is not limited to, antisemitism and Islamophobia.
- + SEC. 4. Section 244 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- + 244. (a) The governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school shall not ~~adopt or approve~~ adopt, approve, or allow the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum for classroom instruction if the use of the textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum would subject a pupil to unlawful discrimination pursuant to Section 220.
- + (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a complaint pursuant to this section may be filed with the applicable school district, county office of education, or charter school under the Uniform Complaint Procedures set forth in Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 4600) of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, or may be filed with the Superintendent directly. A complaint filed pursuant to this subdivision shall identify the basis for filing the complaint directly with the Superintendent. The complainant shall present the Superintendent with evidence that supports the basis for the direct filing and why immediate action is necessary. In responding to such a complaint, the Superintendent may directly intervene without waiting for an investigation by the school district, county office of education, or charter school.
- + (c) A complaint may be filed by any member of the public, including anyone electing to file anonymously, if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance with subdivision (a).
- + (d) Information regarding the requirements of this section shall be included in the annual notification distributed to pupils, parents and guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to Section 4622 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations or any successor regulation.
- + SEC. 5. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

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+ pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
+ 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 6106.4 is added to the Business and~~
2 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

3 6106.4. (a) (1) ~~For purposes of this section, “attorney” means~~
4 ~~an attorney admitted to practice law in this state and “applicant”~~
5 ~~means an applicant for admission to practice law in this state.~~

6 (2) ~~“Sensitive services” has the same meaning as in Section~~
7 ~~56.05 of the Civil Code.~~

8 (3) ~~“Excluded event” means any of the following, when based~~
9 ~~on the application of another state’s law that interferes with any~~
10 ~~person’s right to receive, provide, recommend, enable, or advocate~~
11 ~~for sensitive services that would be lawful in this state, regardless~~
12 ~~of the location in which the event takes place and regardless of the~~
13 ~~location of the attorney or applicant:~~

14 (A) ~~The entry of judgment against the attorney or applicant in~~
15 ~~a civil action.~~

16 (B) ~~The imposition of judicial sanctions against an attorney or~~
17 ~~applicant.~~

18 (C) ~~The bringing of an indictment or information charging a~~
19 ~~felony against the attorney or applicant, or the conviction of the~~
20 ~~attorney or applicant, including any verdict of guilty, or plea of~~
21 ~~guilty or no contest, of a felony, or a misdemeanor committed in~~
22 ~~the course of the practice of law.~~

23 (D) ~~The imposition of discipline or a finding of professional~~
24 ~~misconduct against the attorney or applicant by a professional or~~
25 ~~occupational disciplinary agency or licensing board.~~

26 (b) ~~Notwithstanding Section 6049.1, 6101, 6102, 6103, or 6106,~~
27 ~~an excluded event shall not be grounds under this chapter for~~
28 ~~suspension, disbarment, or other disciplinary action, nor shall it~~
29 ~~require an attorney or applicant to report the excluded event to the~~
30 ~~State Bar, supply evidence that an attorney is culpable of~~
31 ~~professional misconduct in this state, nor serve as grounds to deny~~
32 ~~admission for any applicant for admission to practice law.~~

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1 (c) ~~This section does not apply to an event that would subject~~
2 ~~an attorney or applicant subject to this chapter to a similar claim,~~
3 ~~charge, or action under the laws of this state.~~

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